

REMARKS

Examiners Smalley and Pascua are thanked for the courtesies extended during the Office Interview on January 5, 2006.

It is believed that the Interview Summary accurately reflects the agreement reached.

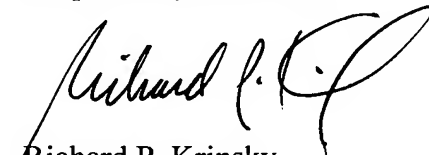
As agreed, the outstanding Office Action is being withdrawn in favor of a second, non-final action, to which Applicants will respond in due course. The claims in the case remain as originally filed.

Based upon the agreement reached at the Interview, this submission is deemed to be a proper response to the outstanding Office Action and the Interview Summary.

The undersigned suggests that, during reconsideration of the next Office Action, the examiner may find the application to be in condition for allowance. If so, such allowance is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (20341/72636).

Respectfully submitted,



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